

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: Brick House (Beard House) Inventory Number: WA-I-098  
Address: 21134 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Chewsville Zip Code: 21721 County: Washington  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Hagerstown  
Property Owner: James and Brenda May Tax Account ID Number: 019922  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 193 Tax Map Number: 51  
Project: Chewsville Streetscape Improvements Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration  
Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company  
Preparer's Name: Emma Young Date Prepared: 3/26/2007  
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form, WA-I-098, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no  
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

**Architectural Description:**

The dwelling identified as the "Brick House" was previously surveyed in 1975 using a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) (WA-I-098, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland. The property was not evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the 1975 survey.) This form is to serve as an update and expansion of the 1975 MIHP form.

The "Brick House" (herein referred to as the Beard House for the property owner identified in the 1877 Atlas of Washington County) is located at 21134 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) in Chewsville, Washington County, Maryland. The dwelling, currently used as an apartment building, occupies a small lot on the north side of Twin Springs Drive (MD 804). The tracks of the Western Maryland Railroad border the property to the north. A paved-asphalt driveway is located to the west of the dwelling, and a poured-concrete sidewalk borders the property to the south. A vacant lot borders the property to the east.

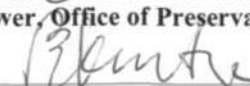
The two-and-a-half-story, side-gabled, circa-1870 dwelling has undergone extensive alterations and additions since the 1975

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survey. Aluminum siding covers the exterior, which was previously clad in brick. The original, two-over-two light, double-hung sash, wooden windows have been replaced with one-over-one light, double-hung sash, vinyl windows, complete with inoperable, paneled, vinyl shutters. An exterior, wrought-iron, three-story, spiral staircase appends the north (rear) elevation of the dwelling. A single-leaf, aluminum door replaces a previous window opening in the south elevation, resulting in two entries in the first floor of the south (front) elevation. Vinyl covers the transom that previously capped the original, single-leaf entry, located immediately to the east of the replacement door.

The mature deciduous and evergreen trees that sheltered the south (front), east, and west elevations of the dwelling, visible in the photographs from the 1975 survey, have been removed. In addition, according to the 1877 Atlas of Washington County, a dwelling belonging to D.S. Newman stood to the east of the Beard House (Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson 1877: 43). Currently, in 2007, a vacant lot is located immediately east of the Beard House property and a parcel containing the late-nineteenth-century dwelling at 21128 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), is located immediately west of the Beard House property.

Overall, the Beard House stands in good condition.

#### Historical Narrative:

##### Property History

On March 27, 1854, Maria Fitzhugh, the widow of Col. William Fitzhugh, divided the parcel of land that would eventually include the property located at 21134 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), resulting in two separate tracts. Maria Fitzhugh and her partner, Holker Hughes, sold one tract including 42.5 acres and 22 perches, as well as all houses, buildings, and orchards on the parcel, to Nicholas Beard for \$2472.98. Fitzhugh and Hughes sold the other tract, measuring 22.5 acres and 19 perches, to Jacob Winters for \$1665.22.

Physical evidence and historic map research indicate that the dwelling at 21134 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) was constructed on the tract conveyed to Nicholas Beard during his period of ownership (circa 1870); therefore, Beard is credited with erecting the dwelling.

In 1889, the heirs of Nicholas Beard sold the 42.5-acre tract to Henry J. Poffenberger and Annie E. Poffenberger for \$2862.75. The deed stated that the railroad ran through part of the property. The property stayed within the Poffenberger family until 1953, when Fannie E. Poffenberger sold it to Henry J.C. Harp and his wife, Mildred, for \$7,500.

In 1972, the Harps sold the property with the right of survivorship for ten dollars to Pauline M. Spessard and Maude L. Eccard, joint tenants. Maude L. Eccard Kent, formerly known as Maude L. Eccard, sold the property to Lucretia A. Schagren and Nelson L. Spessard, Sr. for \$75,000 in 1991. Four years later, Lucretia A. Schagren (Lucretia A. Walker) conveyed the property to the current owners, James and Brenda May for \$100,000.

##### Vernacular Architecture

The Beard House is an example of a vernacular dwelling with a side-gabled form. Washington County retains few examples of high-style architecture. Instead, vernacular architecture prevails. Vernacular architecture is a term that refers to "common or everyday" buildings and structures built in a functional manner, sometimes using indigenous materials, with little to no stylistic embellishment (Lanier and Herman 1997: 383). Vernacular architecture transcends all time periods of architectural stylistic categorization; national examples date from the beginning of settlement in the seventeenth century and continue into the present day.

Vernacular dwellings typically appear as common house forms and plans, with either a front-gabled, side-gabled, or cross-gabled

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form (Lanier and Herman 1997: 383).

Significance Evaluation:

The Beard House, located at 21134 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The dwelling represents a common architectural form found throughout Washington County. In addition, the dwelling has undergone numerous alterations in the past three decades that compromise the property's ability to convey its period of construction (circa 1870).

According to the National Register of Historic Places guidelines established by the National Park Service, the quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, site, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- B. that are associated with lives of significant persons in our past;
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (National Park Service 1997).

The Beard House, located at 21134 Twin Springs Drive, is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The dwelling is not associated with any events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

The Beard House is not eligible under Criterion B because it has no known association with the lives of individuals of historical importance.

The Beard House is not eligible under Criterion C because it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. The two-story, vernacular Beard House represents a common architectural form found throughout Washington County and Maryland. The Beard House is not an exceptional or representative example of its form. The dwelling does not represent the work of a master, nor does it possess high artistic values.

The property was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of the architectural survey and evaluation.

The Beard House possesses integrity of location, retaining its location along the north side of Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) amongst late-nineteenth-century dwellings, adjacent to the roadway. The dwelling retains integrity of design, with the original rectangular footprint intact. However, the removal of mature deciduous and evergreen trees that previously sheltered the south, east, and west elevations of the dwelling, as well as the removal of a late-nineteenth-century dwelling formerly located to the east, compromises integrity of setting. The dwelling contains replacement exterior materials, windows, and doors, all of which compromise integrity of materials and workmanship. Integrity of feeling and association is lost due to the late-twentieth-century alterations, the conversion of the dwelling to apartment space, and alterations to the property's setting. The Beard House does not retain sufficient integrity from the period of construction (circa 1870) to deem it eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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1972 Land Record Liber 540, Folio 398

1991 Land Record Liber 1026, Folio 233

1992 Land Record Liber 1047, Folio 563

1995 Land Record Liber 1209, Folio 454

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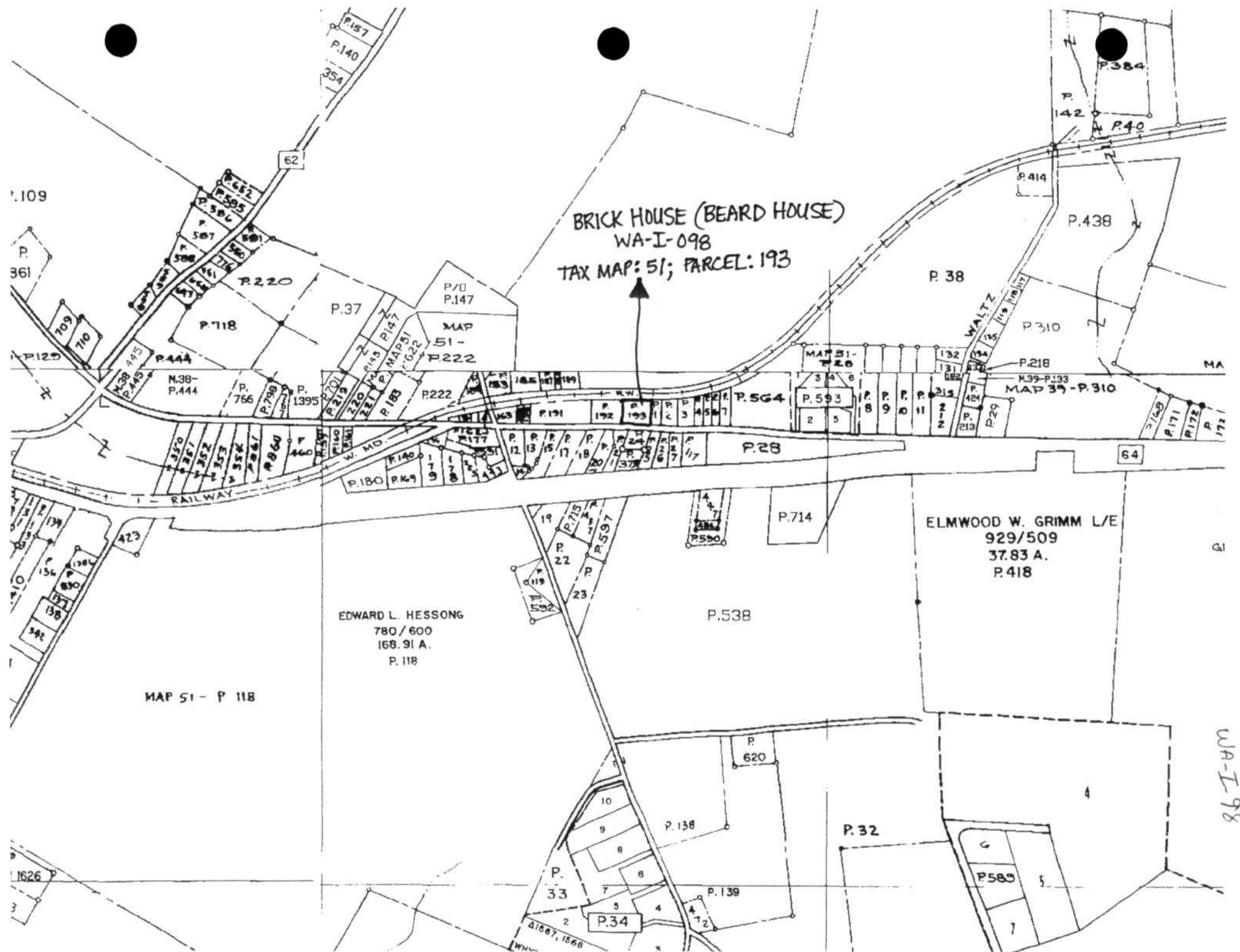
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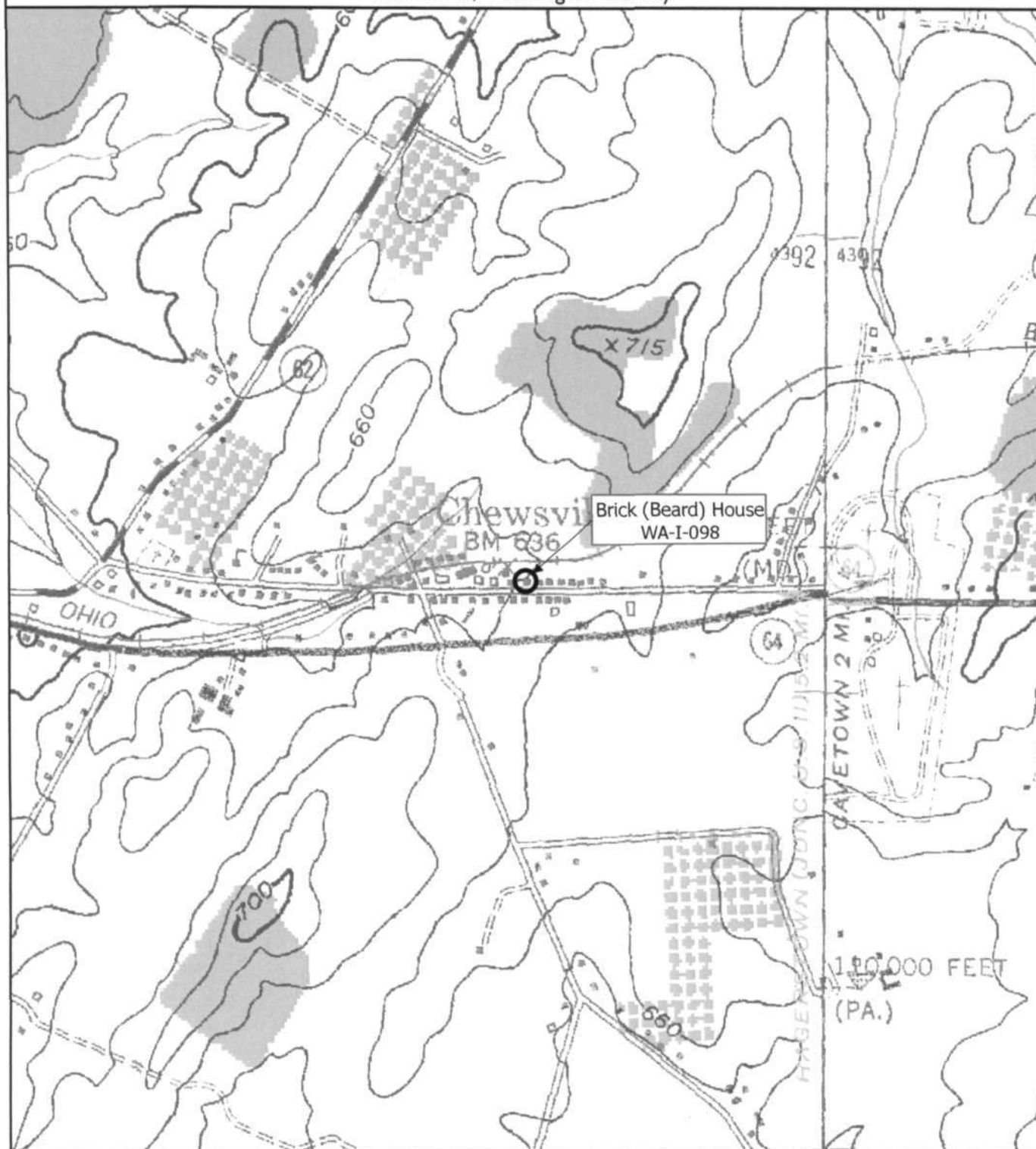
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Chewsville  
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DAVETOWN 2 MI

100,000 FEET  
(PA.)



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Map Source:  
USGS 7.5' DRG: Hagerstown, MD; Smithsburg, MD.



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Brick House (Beard House)

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South (front) elevation; view to northeast

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Brick House (Beard House)

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South & east elevations; view to northwest

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South & west elevations; view to northeast

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Brick House in Chewsville				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: North Side of Main Street, MD 804				
CITY OR TOWN: Chewsville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Chewsville Coop. Association				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Chewsville		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 215/417				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50%			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the north side of old Route 64 in Chewsville, Maryland. It is situated on level ground along Main Street and faces south.

The structure is a two story, five bay brick dwelling resting on low stone foundations. The brick walls are laid in flemish bond at the first story of the front elevation, while the upper story of the facade and other elevations display common bonding. Flat arches are present over the openings.

Windows appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation, where two over two pane, double hung sashes are held within narrow frames.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The entrance way is plain in appearance with framing similar to that of the windows. A narrow transom is present over the door.

A new porch, one story in height, extends along the front elevation.

The roof extends beyond the end walls and is covered with slate. The eaves are finished with a narrow band of cornice molding.

The house is in good condition and is located on a tract containing one acre.

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## B. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of importance of this house is its architecture. Constructed of brick over the five bay, center door plan, it is representative of a significant number of houses in Washington County.

Aspects of its construction, including the use of flemish bonding restricted to the first story level and the window and door framing, suggest a possible building date during the mid-nineteenth century.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
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NE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SW	0	'	"		0	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

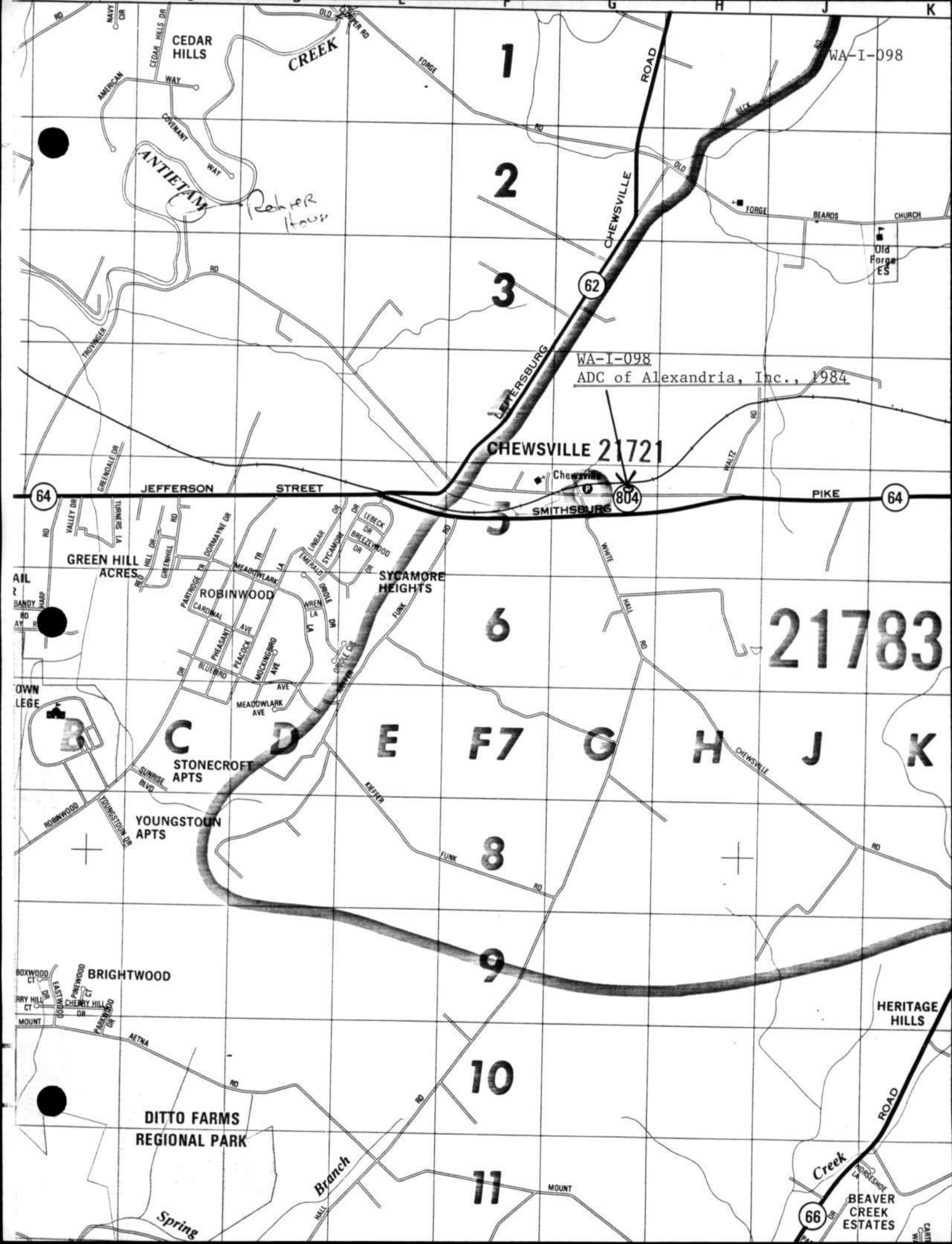
NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey	
ORGANIZATION: Consultant, Washington County Historical Sites Survey	DATE: July, 1975
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE: Maryland

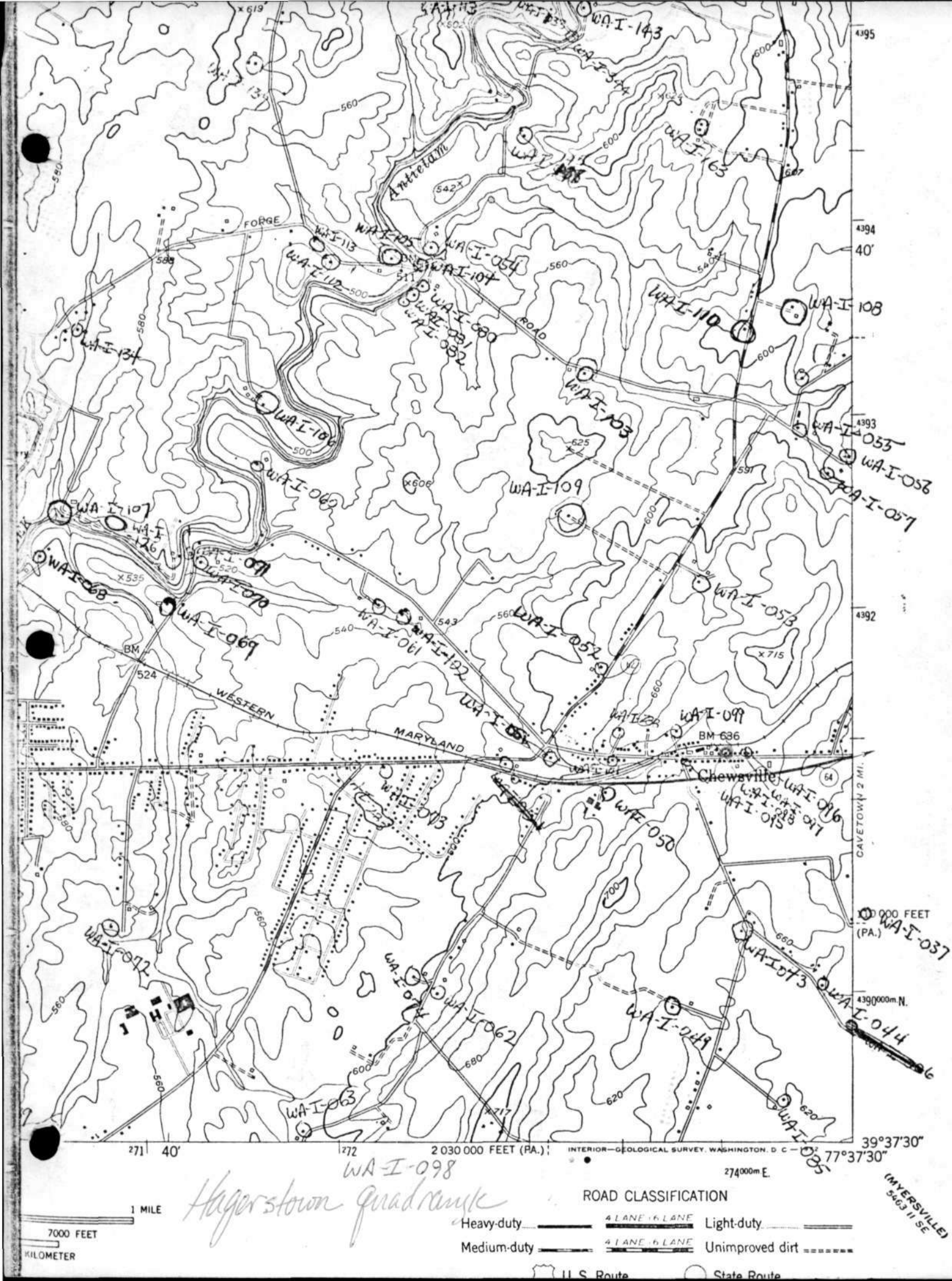
## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

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